

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 325-2005



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: December 30, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

**Subject: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) RESPONSE TO
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH RESOLUTION NO. 2004-25769 RELATIVE TO
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 63RD STREET FLYOVER PROJECT.**

Attached please find the response from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to the recently enacted Resolution of the City Commission regarding impacts associated with the 63rd Street Flyover Project.

As the attached letter indicates, FDOT is willing to embrace several of the suggestions offered by the City and commits to work with the City, both in public information and in finding ways to improve the maintenance of traffic plan that will be so critical to the success of this project.

The Administration will continue to work closely with FDOT on this very important project to our community to assure that the project proceeds as smoothly as possible.

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c: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager
Fred Beckmann, Director of Public Works

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JOSE ABREU
SECRETARY

December 23, 2004

Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

We are in receipt of Resolution No. 2004-25769 encouraging the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to mitigate impacts associated with the construction of the 63rd Street Flyover project.

The Resolution recognizes the mitigation efforts FDOT has identified to reduce construction time and minimize impacts for this project. It also encourages FDOT to consider the following:

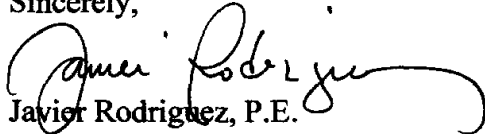
- a) Expand construction hours to begin at 7:00am
- b) Create a Citizens Advisory Committee to allow for increased public information opportunities
- c) Increase the amount of incentive to the contractor
- d) Explore additional hours of construction with the Contractor and report any construction time alternatives to the City
- e) Schedule the construction of the Harding Avenue safety project to coincide with the Flyover project

FDOT will consider items a, b, and d and will work closely with the City to develop an effective public information program. The FDOT has already increased the incentive amount to \$860,000 and included a milestone bonus to finish the Indian Creek roadway work before Christmas 2006. This incentive amount is considerably higher than the one offered for the Collins Avenue project and thus recognizes the significance of this project. As such, FDOT will not increase this amount any further. As to scheduling the Harding Avenue project to coincide with the flyover project (item e), FDOT has considered this, however we do not see the benefit. The Harding Avenue project is just a milling and resurfacing project, scheduled to begin in August 2005 and be completed by

December 2005 (120 days duration). Because of its short duration, we want to have this portion of roadway free of construction activities before we begin the flyover project in April 2006.

I want to assure you that FDOT continues to look at ways to improve the MOT during construction and will continue to do so throughout the duration of this project. If you would like additional information, please contact Mr. Dennis J. Fernandez, Project Manager, at (305) 470-5569.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Javier Rodriguez", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Javier Rodriguez, P.E.
Director of Production

Cc: John Martinez, District Secretary
Gus Pego, Director of operations
Mark Croft, District Construction Engineer
Dennis J. Fernandez, Project Manager